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SUBJECT: SBCAG 2004/05 – 2006/07 FTIP Amendments #18 and #19

Attention: Rachel Falsetti, Transportation Programming, MS-82

Dear Mr. Kempton:

We have completed our review of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) 2004/05 to 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendments #18 and #19, as requested by your letters of April 28, 2006. Amendment #18 programs High Priority Projects Program funds for several local rehabilitation/reconstruction projects in Santa Barbara County. Amendment #19 programs local funds from the Recreational Trails Program for a nature trail in the City of Santa Maria.

Pursuant to the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, we accept the modifications to the 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for the SBCAG region in accordance with the Federal statewide and metropolitan transportation planning regulations codified in 23 CFR Part 450. We find that SBCAG's 2004 FTIP, through Amendment #18 and #19, was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the metropolitan planning provisions of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 134, and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53. California Department of Transportation assures these amendments have met the financial constraint requirements included in our transportation planning regulations, 23 CFR 450.324(e).

This letter constitutes approval of these amendments. The SBCAG FTIP Amendments #18 and #19 are approved and included into California's 2004/05-06/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP); with the understanding the eligibility of individual projects is subject to the applicant's satisfaction of all FTA and FHWA administrative requirements. This approval is based on the California Department of Transportation's assurance the funding for these amendments do not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.



If you have any questions regarding this determination, please do not hesitate to contact Steven Luxenberg of the Federal Highway Administration at (916) 498-5066 or Ms. Donna Turchie of the Federal Transit Administration at (415) 744-2737.

Sincerely,

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